

Knox County Commission



JEFF OWNBY

COMMISSIONER, FOURTH DISTRICT

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As Knox County (Tennessee) Commissioner, I am proud to represent my community. Today, I am excited about New Charter, a proposed addition to the cable broadband industry that I feel will promote opportunity through a free and open Internet.

New Charter would bring together the best of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. It would have high standards for all its products, and would be a leader in innovation. In the merger proposal, New Charter also outlines a major promise it would make to all its customers: network neutrality. Unlike some of its competitors that have looked into giving preference to certain Internet domains, New Charter would uphold an open Internet. This is important because the alternative discriminates against less powerful users and introduces cost burdens for companies that need a lot of data to run their businesses. New Charter's customers would not have to worry about a biased Internet because the company would promise never to implement data caps or usage-based billing.

I support New Charter because it would put consumers first by upholding network neutrality. I ask you to please consider the impact of this commitment and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffery C. Ownby".

Commissioner Jeff Ownby
Knox County, Tennessee